

[Mr. E. K. Kuriyppe.]

(b) the place where each of them is proposed to be constructed ;

(c) the amount with which and the time within which they expect to complete each dam ;

(d) the dams in respect of which work has already been begun ;

(e) the daily average number of labourers in the workspots of each dam ;

(f) of these, the works entrusted to contractors and those taken up departmentally ;

(g) the number of contractors employed for the work in connection therewith and the estimated cost of the works entrusted to each ; and

(h) whether any item of the above work is proposed to be entrusted to any company outside the State ?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon (*Electrical Engineer to Government*) : (a) Two dams.

(b) One at Kundaly and the other at Madupatty.

(c) The Dam at Kundaly is estimated to cost Rs. 32 lakhs and is expected to be completed in 3 years. The cost of the other dam is not yet estimated and it is expected to be completed in 6 years.

(d) Work on the Kundaly Dam has begun.

(e) About 2000.

(f) All works are departmental in character and carried out through piece work contracts.

(g) The *list is placed on the table.

(h) It has not yet been decided whether any work need be entrusted to an outside agency.

Levy of fee under the old Motor Vehicles Act.

14 [32.] ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that they even now levy the fee under the old Motor Vehicles Act for the transfer of ownership of Motor vehicles ; and

(b) if so, whether they are in order now that the new Motor Vehicles Act was passed ?

Rajyasevapravina Khan Bahadur G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy (*Inspector-General of Police*) :

(a) No.

(b) This does not arise in view of answer to part (a).

Paddy farm at Thiruppathisaram.

15 [33.] ***Mr. V. Chellam Pillai** (*Tovala cum Agastiswaram*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the year or the date on which the paddy farm at Thiruppathisaram, Nanjinad, was opened ;

(b) whether it is an experimental farm or a demonstration farm ;

(c) whether it has been useful to the agriculturists in the State or in Nanjinad ;

(d) if so, to what extent and the nature of the benefit the ryots have obtained ;

(e) if the farm was not useful, why ; and

(f) the area of the paddy fields that has been leased out from the above farm, the lease period and the lease amount per acre, the tax if any per acre, the unexpired lease period and the reasons for leasing out the above portion ?

Mr. K. R. Narayana Aiyar : (a) 1090 M. E.

(b) Experimental Farm.

(c) Yes, to both.

(d) (1) Seeds of high yielding strains of paddy evolved in the Farm have been multiplied and widely distributed among ryots.

(2) The experiments in the Farm have served to demonstrate to the ryots that considerable savings could be effected by a reduction in the seed rate for the Kanni crop and economy in seedlings transplanted for the Kumbhom crop.

(3) Exotic varieties of paddy having high cropping capacity, fine quality, and short duration, raised in the Farm and acclimatised to Nanjinad conditions, have been introduced in the locality.

(4) Manurial experiments for increasing the yield of paddy have been conducted and the results made known to agriculturists.

(e) In view of the answer to part (d), this does not arise.

(f) (1) 16.66 acres.

(2) For six years from 1-1-1116.

(3) The rental is received in kind at 6 kottas of paddy per acre when single crop is cultivated and 10 kottas when double crop is cultivated. No tax is payable. The leasing was done to effect economy in expenditure in the working of the Farm.

Cattle for the paddy farm at Thiruppathisaram.

16 [35] * **Mr. V. Chellam Pillai :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government used to keep cattle for the use of the paddy farm at Thiruppathisaram ;

(b) if so, when it was commenced and when was it stopped ; and

(c) why was it stopped ?